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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55,
Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on
Japanese Patent Application No. 2-225321, filed August 29,
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The certified copy of the above-referred-to Japanese
patent application was filed on August 29, 1991 in prior
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